GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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HELICOPTERS HIRED BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the helicopters hired by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation for its offshore production are obsolete;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the age of each of the helicopters hired by ONGC form Mis. Globai Vectra at Mumbai; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by ONGC in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) and (b) No sir.

(c) and (d) The years of manufacturing of the helicopters hired by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) from M/s Gioba! Vectra at Mumbai range from 1988 to 2006. Hence the age of helicopters is from 19 years to one year.The helicopters provided by the above operators for offshore operations of ONGC are having airworthiness certificate from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).